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Sandinista Bocay Operation

Government Activity

The Sandinistas appear to making preparations for what may be either a continuation of their offensive in the Bocay Valley or a major cross-border operation against the rebel headquarters at San Andres De Bocay, Honduras.

·	Sandinista AN-26s bombed the base on 2 and 5 March; Only minor casualties were reported as a result of the first airstrike, and no casualties resulted from the second sortie	25X1
	Sandinista units of unknown sizepossibly reconnaissance patrolscrossed into Honduras several kilometers west of San Andres de Bocay on 4 and 5 March	25 X 1 25 X 1
	reconnaissance battalion had moved to within 18 kilometers of the Honduran border by 6 March.	25X1
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	the Sandinistas airlifted 18 helicopter loads of troopsas many as 500 mento a landing zone within three kilometers of the Honduran border yesterday afternoon.	25X1 25X1

Insurgent Activity

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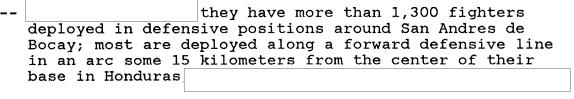
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The rebels have reacted to Sandinista maneuvers toward San Andres de Bocay by establishing defensive postions across the border inside Nicaragua.



-- Rebel chief Bermudez has ordered his forces to conduct intense patrols to seek out the Sandinistas, and engage them before they are able to move in strength across the border

Large amounts of both lethal and non-lethal aid are stored at the San Andres de Bocay base, making it a lucrative target for the Sandinistas.

-- In a resupply surge prior to the aid cutoff, the rebels airdropped 244,000 pounds of lethal and non-lethal supplies into the San Andres de Bocay base during February

